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SECTION 2

READING COMPREHENSION

Committees in Congress

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1. What are standing committees? How many are there in the House? In the Senate?

2. Why are standing committees so important?

3. How is membership in the standing committees determined?

4. What are subcommittees, and how many of them are there?

5. Why is the House Rules Committee often called the “traffic cop”?

6. What congressional function do select committees often exercise?

7. What are joint committees?

8. Name four permanent joint committees.

9. What is the role of conference committees in the lawmaking process?
